

## HE IS FAITHFUL THAT PROMISED

*"LET US HOLD FAST THE PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH WITHOUT WAVERING;  
(FOR HE IS FAITHFUL THAT PROMISED;)" (HEBREWS 10:23)*

**OUR GOD DOES NOT LIE TO US:** Beloved, just as sure and steadfast was the promise of God to Abraham, to be both his shield and great reward; so too the Lord Jesus Christ is our shield and great reward. Indeed the Lord Jesus Christ is our shield from every enemy of our salvation: Satan, sin, and death itself [GEN 15:1, 2 SAM 22:3, PSA 62:7]. Our exceeding great reward shall be to be in the presence of Him *"that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."*

Beloved, God does not lie, He does not tell us in vain to behold *"the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."* For just as the angel of the Lord declared *"He shall save His people from their sins,"* we also have His promise, for he saith *"Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God"* (HEB 10:7). Well, has the Lord done His Father's will? Has He saved His people from their sins? Emphatically, the answer is yes! By His doing and dying, by His blood and righteousness, by His *"one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are His people."*

**OUR GOD DOES NOT LEAVE US:** The Holy Spirit sets forth, ever so blessedly, the faithfulness of our God is His word, in that the LORD did and does as He had spoken, *"the LORD did...as He had spoken"* (GEN 21:1).

Again and again, the Word of God sets forth God's faithfulness to His counsel and His oath. Matthew records our Lord's blessed oath; speaking to His beloved people He tells us *"I am with you alway."*

In the epistle to the Hebrews, written to the *"many"* the Lord is *bringing unto glory*, Paul reminds us of the very same promise, our Lord will be with us always, he writes that God has promised *"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"* (HEB 13:5). The three times this blessed promise is set forth by the Holy Spirit, it is accompanied by words that grant the believing sinner much comfort. Beloved, He will never leave thee, nor forsake thee; He *"...WILL NOT FAIL THEE," "HE WILL NOT FAIL THEE," "HE WILL NOT FAIL THEE."* (DEU 31:6, JOS 1:5, 1 CHR 28:20)

**OUR GOD DOES NOT LOSE US:** Beloved, the gospel of our Salvation is sure and steadfast for it is founded upon the immutable, unchangeable, faithful character of our God; and because of His faithfulness *"ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."* (MAL 3:6)

Beloved, His love is immutable, His counsel is immutable, His promise is immutable. And He has promised *"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."* (JOHN 6:37)

Beloved believing sinner; you who have fled for refuge in Christ, patiently endure—wait on the LORD, and HE SHALL SAVE THEE! (PROVERBS 20:22). He has promised, and He will also do it. AMEN!

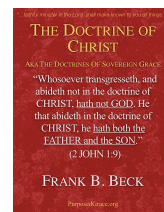
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## **THE BLESSED PREACHER**

*"FOR WE ARE NOT AS MANY, WHICH CORRUPT THE WORD OF GOD: BUT AS OF  
SINCERITY, BUT AS OF GOD, IN THE SIGHT OF GOD SPEAK WE IN CHRIST"*

(2 CORINTHIANS 2:17)

Blessed is the preacher who can shut men up to free and sovereign grace and yet lovingly, sincerely invite all men to look to Christ and be saved. Blessed is the preacher who knows that *"SALVATION IS OF THE LORD"* (JONAH 2:9), who has the patience to wait upon the Lord to regenerate, awaken, and call his hearers; yet he prays for their deliverance, urges them to close with Christ, and beseeches them to *"BE...RECONCILED TO GOD"* (2 CORINTHIANS 5:20). Blessed is the preacher who can preach with equal force and confidence both the preservation and the perseverance of believers. He will not "turn away from us and we will not depart from Him" [JOHN 6:37-39]. Blessed is the preacher who can rejoice in imputed righteousness; "with His Holy garments on, I am as spotless as His dear Son" [1 JOHN 4:17]; and yet, along with his congregation, hunger and thirst for spiritual growth and personal godliness. Blessed is the preacher who can find and preach both *justification* and *sanctification* at Calvary. We do not go to Calvary for justification and then to Sinai for sanctification; we are *"COMPLETE IN HIM"*! (COLOSSIANS 2:10). Blessed is the preacher who can preach prophetic truth in such a way that his hearers are looking for the returning Christ and not only the return of Christ [TITUS 2:13]. Blessed is the preacher who administers believers' baptism, presides at the Lord's Table, and oversees the business of the Lord's church not according to the "way we do it in our circles and according to our

custom and tradition," but ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD [1 CORINTHIANS 11:23]. It may be that if preachers and people return to the Scriptures, someone will ask, "What kind of church is this?" And we can answer, "It is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which He loved and purchased with His own blood and of which He is the sole Head" [ACTS 20:28].

PASTOR HENRY MAHAN

## **BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH**

*"...BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH;  
AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD"*

(EPHESIANS 2:8)

Faith is the means of Grace. It is the only means of grace. Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. To make anything else a means of grace is to have a works gospel. Whatever is not of faith is sin.

So where does that leave the Preaching of the gospel, Prayer, Worship, the Lord's Table, the fellowship of the saints, Scripture? These things are means to faith. Thank God for them. He uses them to give faith. When True faith comes through these means, it does not rest its hope in the means. It rests completely in the glorious person and finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is given to us by God's free and sovereign grace.

PASTOR GREG ELMQUIST

## **THE SUPPER OF THE LORD**

*"...LET A MAN EXAMINE HIMSELF, AND SO LET HIM EAT OF THAT BREAD,  
AND DRINK OF THAT CUP"*

(1 CORINTHIANS 11:28)

The Supper of the Lord is designed for the family of the Lord. It is, indeed, a family meal. Christ invites none but His family to partake of it. And everyone of these are expected by constant invitation, and by birthright in the new birth, to take their seats at the table. Jesus will have none missing at supper time. All others are without invitation, and have no right there. [His people] are easily known. They have been regenerated, brought thereby into spiritual life, they cry Abba Father. The Spirit witnesseth to their spirits, that they are children of God. They have a spiritual hungering and thirsting after Christ. They know Jesus to be the living bread which came down from heaven, and of Him they desire to eat, and to live forever. In short, every act of faith, and the exercise of grace in the new life, manifests what constitutes a worthy receiver.

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